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## **CALTRANS STRIPES “BIKE BOX” AT MADONNA/HIGUERA IN SAN LUIS OBISPO**

**SAN LUIS OBISPO** – Caltrans has installed a “bike box” at the intersection of Madonna Road and South Higuera Street. A bike box is a green box with a white bicycle symbol inside. Caltrans worked with the City of San Luis Obispo on the bike box design.



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Bike boxes are designed to reduce conflicts between bicyclists turning left and motorists proceeding straight. It allows bicyclists to move in front of waiting vehicles at a red light so that they are more visible.

- ***What motorists should know:*** When the traffic signal is yellow or red, motorists must stop behind the white stop line behind the green bike box. When the traffic signal is green, motorists and cyclists may move through the intersection as usual, with cyclists going first.
- ***What bicyclists should know:*** When the traffic signal is yellow or red, enter the bike box from the approaching bike lane and stop before the crosswalk. When the light is green, proceed as usual.

Caltrans and the City of San Luis Obispo have put together an illustrated brochure on the use of bike boxes, which is available at:

[http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/bike\\_ped/bike\\_box\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/bike_ped/bike_box_brochure.pdf)

Caltrans reminds bicyclists and motorists to 'share the road'.

For traffic updates on other state highways in San Luis Obispo County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 805-549-3318 or can visit the District 5 website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/maint/road/upslo.htm>

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